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PROFESSOR ERNST MACH.

ON Tuesday, March 28, we received from Dr. Ludwig Mach of Munich, the sad news that, after a brief struggle, his father, Professor Ernst Mach, had died of a weakened heart on February 19, the day after his seventy-eighth birthday.

Lying among the branches of the fir-trees under which of late he had loved to spend his time, in his left hand the cane which was his faithful companion for the last sixteen years, and on his head a laurel wreath woven by the hands of his daughter, Professor Mach's body was given to the flames in utter stillness on the morning of February 22. As long ago as October, 1899, when Professor Mach experienced the first severe stroke of paralysis he prepared the following message to be delivered to his friends at the time of his death:

Bei seinem Scheiden aus dem Leben grüsst

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alle die sich seiner erinnern und bittet um ein freundliches, *heiteres* Andenken. Das Begräbniss findet nach Anordnung des Verstorbenen im engsten Familienkreise statt. Blumen-spenden und Grabreden werden dankend abgelehnt; um stilles Beileid für die Familie wird gebeten.

(Translation.)

In taking leave of life

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sends greeting to all his friends and asks them to hold him in kindly and cheerful memory. At the request of the deceased the funeral will take place in the presence of the intimate family circle. Gifts of flowers and funeral addresses will be appreciatively declined. Your silent sympathy is entreated for the family.